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Section (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 532, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 (d) (PTO/SB/90) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes in Application Examination and Prosecution Application Practitioner Rule, 63 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 ii. Any unsubmitted amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.
 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) required.)
 b. Other _____

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